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Discharge from service of several clerks employed in the Settlement Party, Guntur district.

* 237 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that several clerks in the Settlement Party in Guntur district who have put in more than ten years' service have been asked to quit their posts?

A.—As a measure of retrenchment the Board of Revenue has, with the approval of the Government, directed the reduction of the Settlement establishment by the permanent strength of one Settlement Party. It is probable that some of the clerks in the Settlement Party in Guntur district were affected by the Board's orders. The Government have no information about the service put in by the clerks who were discharged.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" May I know whether the Services Commission is entertaining any new applications in the Revenue Department? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" Clerkships."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" Yes, clerkships."

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" No examination has been held since March last year and persons are selected from the list prepared then."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" May I know the reason why the Government should not appoint men who had been already in service and who had been discharged, instead of appointing fresh recruits? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" That is being done in accordance with the Retrenchment and Re-employment Rules."

Conversion of temporary wet lands into permanent wet lands in the Guntur district.

* 238 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government or the Board of Revenue have received any proposals from the District Collector, Guntur, for the conversion of certain longstanding temporary wet lands into permanent wet lands;

(*b*) what action has been taken by the Government thereon; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay a copy of the Collector's proposals on the table of this House?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have not received any proposals from the Collector of Guntur for the conversion of temporary wet lands into permanent wet lands. They are not aware whether the Board of Revenue has received any proposals from the Collector on the subject.